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Radio Vatican broadcasts in Polish twice daily at 1615-1630 and 2015-2030. Radio Rome broadcasts at 1745-1815 daily. These programs, prepared by Karol Kleszczynski, give world-wide information on Polish life and quote the Polish press abroad.

The Turkish Radio daily transmits a 15-minute program from Ankara in Polish at 1800. The programs give news from Turkey and quote the Polish press abroad. They are decidedly anti-Communist.

Radio Nacional de Espana from Madrid is well known to Poles within Poland and abroad. Of all the radio stations, this is the most militant. Its programs Soviet penetration in countries behind the Iron Curtain and criticize the Communist system cleverly. Some of the excellent programs lead one to believe that Madrid is well informed on the situation in Poland, since on many occasions the news is broadcast before it appears in the press or on other broadcasts.

Short-wave broadcasts of Radio Montevideo every Sunday are similar in character. These programs are largely supported by the Union of Poles in Argentina.

Numerous Communist programs in Polish are beamed from Moscow, Prague, Budapest, Bucharest, and Sofia. The greatest activity of the Soviets lately, however, has been the jamming of foreign broadcasts. There are reputedly about 1,000 stations operating for jamming and this is beginning to be felt in Poland. It was impossible to receive in many parts of Germany a recent Polish broadcast from London at 2230 hours. The only solution, as recommended by the BBC during the war, is to try all the wave lengths of that particular station. One of the wave lengths will not be subject to jamming, since the enemy will want to listen himself.

POLAND EXPANDS RADIOFICATION -- Quakenbrueck, Polak, 7 Sep 50

Radiofication in Poland has been rapidly expanded during the past 2 years to cut off the population from foreign broadcasts. As of 1 June 1950, the network extended to 5,062 localities, including 4,567 villages. There are now 471,550 loudspeakers in operation in Poland. Hooked up to the system are 3,412 schools, 5,596 reading rooms, 1,065 factories, 161 state farms, 75 agricultural producers' cooperatives, 402 hospitals and public welfare institutions, and 432 workers' centers.

KRAKOW TO HAVE MODERN BROADCASTING STATION -- Krakow, Dziennik Polski, 28 Jun 50

The rebuilding of the historical Tarnowski Palace, started in April 1949, will be completed by 22 July 1950. This building will house the offices and studios of a modern radio broadcasting station. It will have its own power plant.

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